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M/R: Cocktail Party for Dr. Brueckner at Sheraton-Carlton Hotel

On Friday 15 June 1956 at 1800 a cocktail party to introduce Dr. Brueckner to members of the Military Information Coordinating Committee (MICC) was held at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel in the North Lounge.

Persons present were:

Robert Margrave, Acting Chrmn. of MICC
Arthur Foley, State Department, Secretary of MICC
Mr. Port, Representative of Secretary of Defense on MICC
Capt. Nash, Navy Representative on MICC
Col. Simmermann, Army Representative on MICC
Lt. Col. Spieth, Air Force Representative on MICC
Mr. Weber, Representative of Secretary of Defense (Gen. Erskine)
Mr. Cartwright, State Department (Security)
Mr. Foley, FBI
Mr. Worheide, FBI

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Dr. Brueckner

The idea for this cocktail party originated with MICC which was the channel through which CIA received initial word of Dr. Brueckner's trip to the USA. Members of MICC are going to Germany in late summer or early fall 1956 to check means for expediting clearances on German persons who will handle NATO material. Consequently MICC was desirous to meet Dr. Brueckner whom they felt would be at least partially concerned with this security clearance problem.

The cocktail party also served as a vehicle to entertain persons from other US agencies who had briefed or would brief Dr. Brueckner.

If one can judge the success of a party by its duration, this was a success for although the party was scheduled for 1800 to 2000 hours, it lasted until 2100.

Groups in which Dr. Brueckner was present discussed such things as fishing and hunting in Germany, the theater, and other innocuous subjects. However one item which was discussed in a group in which Brueckner was not present was the amount of audio-technical aid which should be given Brueckner. [] said that he had been told we would try to help Brueckner to the utmost, whereas Margrave stated that any assistance given would require considerable coordination. This discussion was an aftermath of Brueckner's visit to General G.B. Erskine's office, where the General apparently frightened Brueckner regarding the inadequacy of SG and German audio-counter measures and equipment.

Brueckner later stated that [] wanted to deliver a letter to him personally at a later date. Specifically what the letter contained is not known, but it appears that Gen. Erskine was probably confirming his promise to Brueckner via written word. (Note: As far as can be determined, [] did not deliver--nor have the opportunity to deliver--a letter to Brueckner personally. It is possible, however, that General Erskine will send his commu-

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... to Brueckner via Army channels. CIC will probably be asked to assist Brueckner on the audio-aids problem.)

The party broke up at 2100 and Brueckner was taken to the "823" for supper.

Brueckner, incidentally, drank the following at the cocktail party: 4 manhattans, a coke and rum, a scotch and soda, a whiskey and soda, a gin and quinine water (and possibly some other drink) with no apparent ill effects, which could possibly attest to a great capacity--though not necessarily taste for--liquor.

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Cocktail Party

In name of

North Lounge of Carlton Hotel

1800 - 2000 (Friday)

Invitees:

MICC:

Mr. Scott McLeod

Mr. Cartwright, Deputy to Mr. McLeod ✓

Mr. Bryan, Chairman of MICC

(Munitions Committee)

Mr. Margrave, Deputy to Mr. Bryan ✓

Mr. Port, Rep. from Office of Secretary of Defense

Colonel Sirmermann, Army G-2 ✓

Captain Nash, Navy ONI ✓

Lt. Col. Spieth, Air Force A-2 ✓

CIA ✓

Mr. Foley, Secretary of MICC ✓

Justice:

Mr. Thomas Hall (Can't come)

Mr. Worheide ✓

Mr. Kenney (Can't come)

Secret Service:

Mr. Dickson

FBI:

Mr. Papich

Mr. Khurts

Mr. Foley ✓

CIA:

(Maybe)

(Maybe)

(Can't come)

Mr. Helms (Can't come)

Mr. Wisner (Can't come)

Mr. Stewart (Maybe)